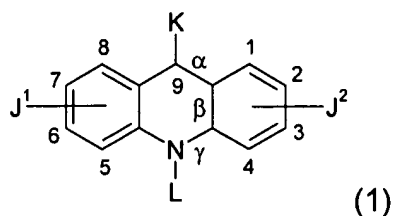


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-77. (Cancelled)

78. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



wherein either:

(a) K is =O, L is -H, α is a single bond, β is a double bond, γ is a single bond

("acridone"); or:

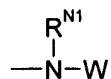
(b) K is a 9-substituent, L is absent, α is a double bond, β is a single bond, γ is a double bond ("acridine");

and wherein:

J¹ is a 2- or 3-substituent; and,

J² is a 6- or 7-substituent;

and wherein J¹ and J² are each independently a group of the formula:

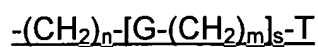


wherein:

$R^{N1}$  is independently a nitrogen substituent and is hydrogen,  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-20}$ heterocyclyl, or  $C_{5-20}$ aryl, and is optionally substituted; and,

W is independently  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-20}$ heterocyclyl, [[or]]  $C_{5-20}$ aryl, and is optionally substituted[[;]], or

W is independently a group of the formula:



wherein:

n is independently an integer from 1 to 8;

each m is independently an integer from 1 to 8;

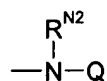
s is independently an integer from 0 to 3;

each G is independently -O- or -NR<sup>N</sup>-;

each R<sup>N</sup> is independently a nitrogen substituent;

T is independently a terminal amino group, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup> or a terminal ether group, -OR<sup>5</sup>

and wherein, when K is a 9-substituent, K is a group of the formula:



wherein:

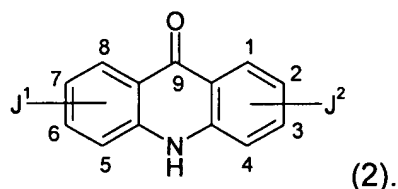
$R^{N2}$  is independently a nitrogen substituent and is hydrogen,  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl,

$C_{3-20}$ heterocyclyl, or  $C_{5-20}$ aryl, and is optionally substituted; and,

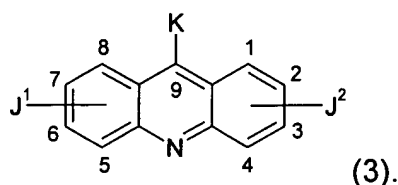
Q is independently  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-20}$ heterocyclyl, or  $C_{5-20}$ aryl, and is optionally substituted;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, solvates, hydrates, and protected forms thereof.

79. (Previously Presented) An acridone compound according to claim 78, wherein K is =O, L is -H,  $\alpha$  is a single bond,  $\beta$  is a double bond,  $\gamma$  is a single bond ("acridone"):



80. (Previously Presented) An acridine compound according to claim 78, wherein K is a 9-substituent, L is absent,  $\alpha$  is a double bond,  $\beta$  is a single bond,  $\gamma$  is a double bond ("acridine"):



81. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein  $J^1$  is a 2-substituent and  $J^2$  is a 7-substituent.

82. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein  $J^1$  is a 3-substituent and  $J^2$  is a 6-substituent.

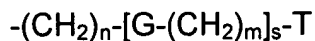
83. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein  $J^1$  is a 2-substituent and  $J^2$  is a 6-substituent; or:  
 $J^1$  is a 3-substituent and  $J^2$  is a 7-substituent.

84. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein W is independently  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-20}$ heterocyclyl, or  $C_{5-20}$ aryl, and is optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from: amino; ether; amido; acylamino; carboxy; ester; acyloxy; and sulfonamido.

85. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein W is independently  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl and is optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from: amino and ether.

86. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein W is independently  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl substituted with one or more group selected from: amino; ether; polyamino; polyether; and polyether-polyamino.

87. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 78, wherein W is independently a group of the formula:



wherein:

n is independently an integer from 1 to 8;

each m is independently an integer from 1 to 8;

s is independently an integer from 0 to 3;

each G is independently -O- or -NR<sup>N</sup>-;

each R<sup>N</sup> is independently a nitrogen substituent;

T is independently a terminal amino group, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup> or a terminal ether group, -OR<sup>5</sup>,

wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> of the terminal amino group, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, is independently an amino substituent, and is hydrogen, C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl, or C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl, and is optionally substituted; or, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 8 ring atoms, and is optionally substituted.

88. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein W is independently C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl substituted with one or more group selected from: amino; ether; amino-C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl-amino; amino-C<sub>1-7</sub>alkoxy; and ether-C<sub>1-7</sub>alkoxy.

89. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein W is independently selected from:

amino-C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl;

ether-C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl;  
amino-C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl-amino-C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl;  
amino-C<sub>1-7</sub>alkoxy-C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl; and,  
ether-C<sub>1-7</sub>alkoxy-C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl.

90. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein W is independently selected from the following, wherein -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup> is a terminal amino group, -OR<sup>5</sup> is a terminal ether group, R<sup>N</sup> is a nitrogen substituent, and each of n and m is independently an integer from 1 to 8:

-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>;  
-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-OR<sup>5</sup>;  
-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-NR<sup>N</sup>-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>;  
-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-NR<sup>N</sup>-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-OR<sup>5</sup>;  
-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>; and,  
-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-OR<sup>5</sup>.

91. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein W is independently selected from the following, wherein -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup> is a terminal amino group, -OR<sup>5</sup> is a terminal ether group, R<sup>N</sup> is a nitrogen substituent, and m is independently an integer from 1 to 8:

-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>;  
-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-OR<sup>5</sup>;  
-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-NR<sup>N</sup>-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>;

$-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{-NR}^{\text{N}}\text{-(CH}_2)_m\text{-OR}^5$ ;  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{-O-(CH}_2)_m\text{-NR}^1\text{R}^2$ ; and,  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{-O-(CH}_2)_m\text{-OR}^5$ ;  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{-NR}^1\text{R}^2$ ;  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{-OR}^5$ ;  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{-NR}^{\text{N}}\text{-(CH}_2)_m\text{-NR}^1\text{R}^2$ ;  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{-NR}^{\text{N}}\text{-(CH}_2)_m\text{-OR}^5$ ;  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{-O-(CH}_2)_m\text{-NR}^1\text{R}^2$ ; and,  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{-O-(CH}_2)_m\text{-OR}^5$ ;  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{-NR}^1\text{R}^2$ ;  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{-OR}^5$ ;  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{-NR}^{\text{N}}\text{-(CH}_2)_m\text{-NR}^1\text{R}^2$ ;  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{-NR}^{\text{N}}\text{-(CH}_2)_m\text{-OR}^5$ ;  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{-O-(CH}_2)_m\text{-NR}^1\text{R}^2$ ; and,  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{-O-(CH}_2)_m\text{-OR}^5$ .

92. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein W is independently selected from the following, wherein  $-\text{NR}^1\text{R}^2$  is a terminal amino group,  $-\text{OR}^5$  is a terminal ether group, and n is independently an integer from 1 to 8:

$-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-NR}^1\text{R}^2$ ; and,  
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-OR}^5$ .

93. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein W is independently selected from the following, wherein  $-NR^1R^2$  is a terminal amino group, and  $-OR^5$  is a terminal ether group:

$-(CH_2)_2-NR^1R^2$ ; and,

$-(CH_2)_2-OR^5$ ;

$-(CH_2)_3-NR^1R^2$ ; and,

$-(CH_2)_3-OR^5$ ;

$-(CH_2)_4-NR^1R^2$ ; and,

$-(CH_2)_4-OR^5$ .

94. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein W is independently selected from the following, wherein  $-NR^1R^2$  is a terminal amino group:

$-(CH_2)_2-NR^1R^2$ ;

$-(CH_2)_3-NR^1R^2$ ; and,

$-(CH_2)_4-NR^1R^2$ .

95. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 87, wherein each of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  of the terminal amino group,  $-NR^1R^2$ , is independently an amino substituent, and is hydrogen,  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-20}$ heterocyclyl, or  $C_{5-20}$ aryl, and is optionally substituted; or,  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ , taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 8 ring atoms, and is optionally substituted.



96. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 95, wherein said terminal amino group is a secondary amino group, and one of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  is -H.

97. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 95, wherein said terminal amino group is a tertiary amino group, and neither  $R^1$  nor  $R^2$  is -H.

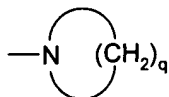
98. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 95, wherein each of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  is independently -Me, -Et, -nPr, -iPr, -nBu, or -tBu.

99. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 95, wherein  $-NR^1R^2$  is independently -N(Me)<sub>2</sub>, -N(Et)<sub>2</sub>, -N(nPr)<sub>2</sub>, -N(iPr)<sub>2</sub>, -N(nBu)<sub>2</sub>, or -N(tBu)<sub>2</sub>.

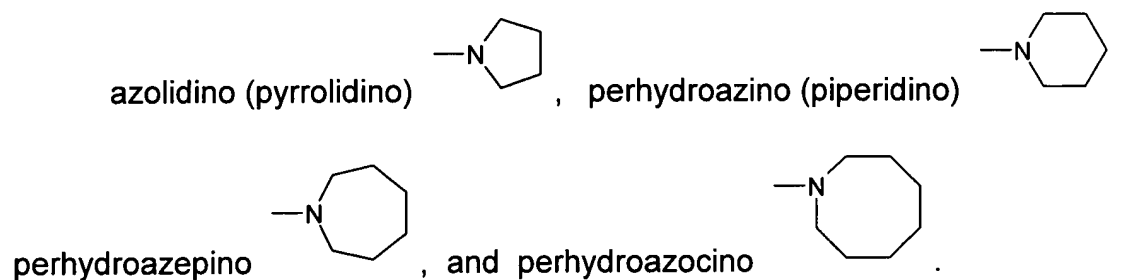
100. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 95, wherein  $-NR^1R^2$  is independently -NHMe, -NHET, -NH(nPr), -NH(iPr), -NH(nBu), or -NH(tBu).

101. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 95, wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ , taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 8 ring atoms, which heterocyclic ring is saturated, partially unsaturated, or fully unsaturated, and is optionally substituted.

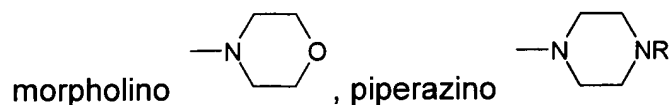
102. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 95, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a cyclic amino group of the following formula, wherein q is independently an integer from 2 to 7, and wherein said group is optionally substituted:



103. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 95, wherein the terminal amino group, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, is independently one of the following cyclic amino groups, and is optionally substituted:

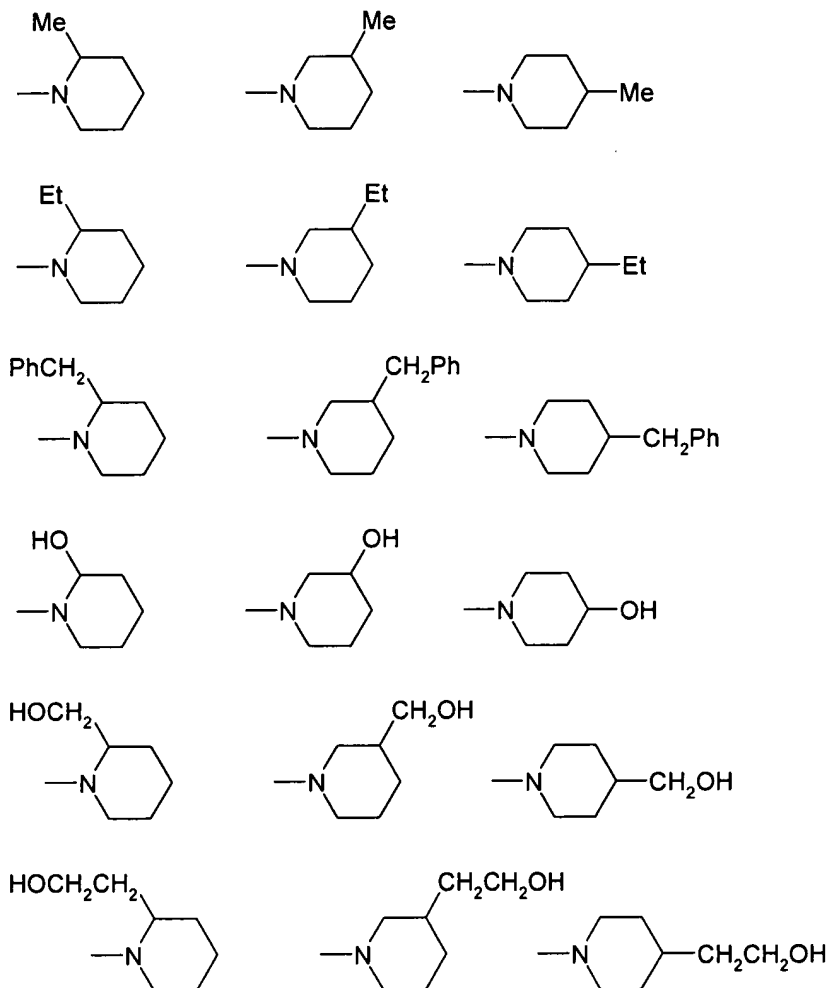


104. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 95, wherein the terminal amino group, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, is one of the following groups, and is optionally substituted:



wherein R is an amino substituent, for example, hydrogen, C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl, or C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl.

105. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 95, wherein the terminal amino group,  $-NR^1R^2$ , is one of the following substituted cyclic amino groups:



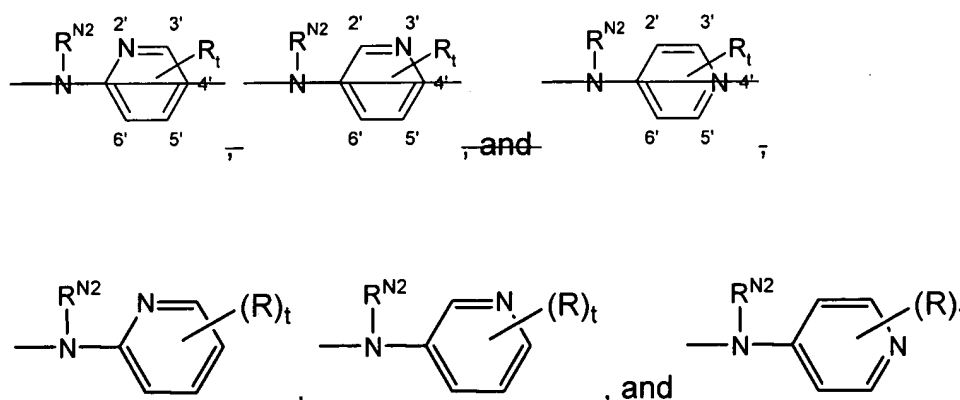
106. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 87, wherein  $R^5$  is independently an ether substituent, and is selected from: hydrogen,  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-20}$ heterocyclyl, and  $C_{5-20}$ aryl; and is optionally substituted.

107. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 106, wherein  $R^5$  is independently -H.

108. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 106, wherein  $R^5$  is independently  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-20}$ heterocyclyl, and  $C_{5-20}$ aryl; and is optionally substituted.

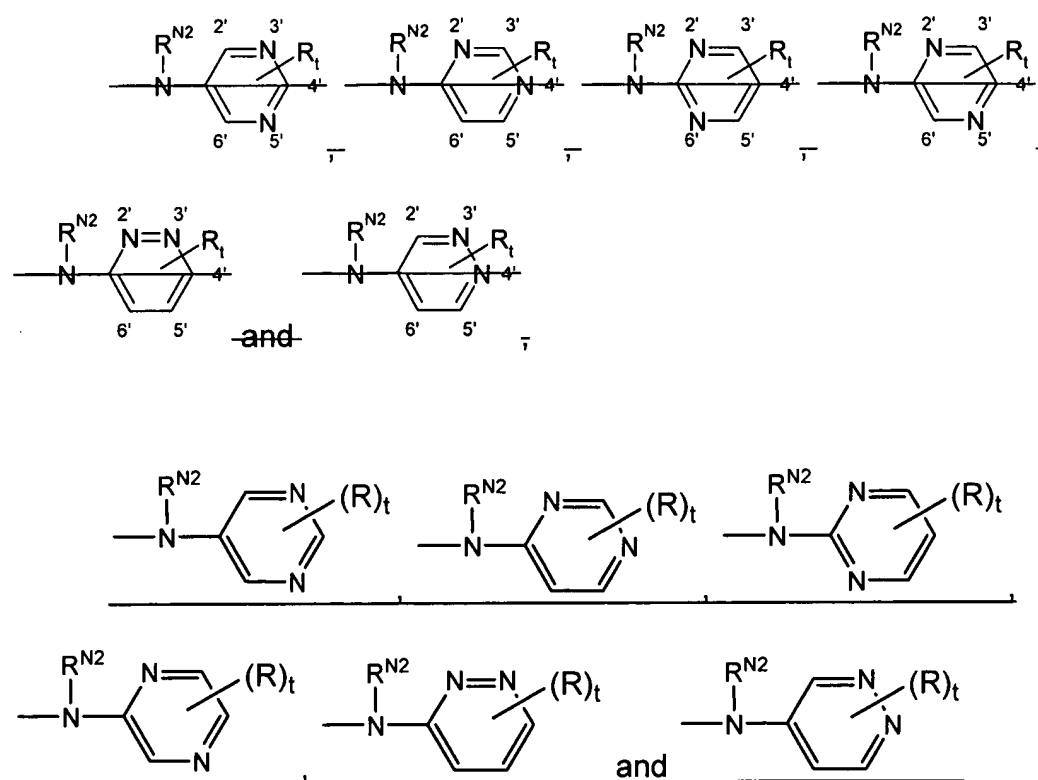
109. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 106, wherein  $R^5$  is independently -Me, -Et, -nPr, -iPr, -nBu, -tBu, optionally substituted -Ph, or optionally substituted -Bn.

110. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:



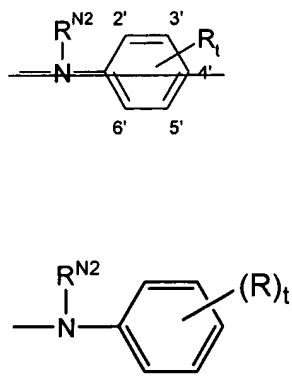
wherein  $t$  is independently an integer from 0 to 4, and each  $(R)_t$  is independently a substituent.

111. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group having one of the following formulae:



wherein  $t$  is independently an integer from 0 to 3, and each  $(R)_t$  is independently a substituent.

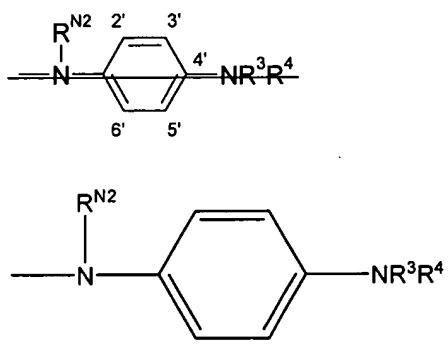
112. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 80, wherein  $K$  is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:



wherein  $t$  is independently an integer from 0 to 5, and each  $(R)_t$  is independently a substituent.

113. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 112, wherein each  $(R)_t$  is independently selected from halo, amino, hydroxy, ether, thio, thioether,  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-7}$ haloalkyl, acyl, amido, carboxy, cyano, and aminoalkyl.

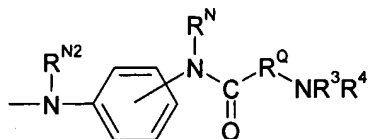
114. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 80, wherein  $K$  is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:



wherein  $-NR^3R^4$  is as defined for  $-NR^1R^2$ ,

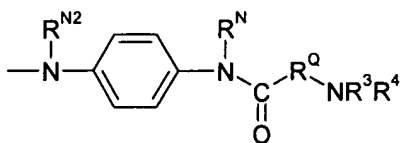
wherein each of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  of the terminal amino group,  $-NR^1R^2$ , is independently an amino substituent, and is hydrogen,  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-20}$ heterocyclyl, or  $C_{5-20}$ aryl, and is optionally substituted; or,  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ , taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 8 ring atoms, and is optionally substituted.

115. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:



wherein R<sup>N</sup> is a nitrogen substituent as defined for R<sup>N2</sup>, R<sup>Q</sup> is independently a C<sub>1-10</sub>alkylene group, and -NR<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup> is as defined for -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>,  
wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> of the terminal amino group, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, is independently an amino substituent, and is hydrogen, C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl, or C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl, and is optionally substituted; or, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 8 ring atoms, and is optionally substituted.

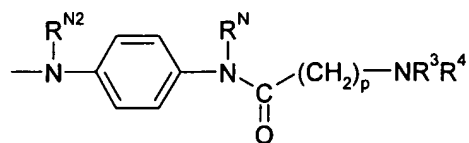
116. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:



wherein R<sup>N</sup> is a nitrogen substituent as defined for R<sup>N2</sup>, R<sup>Q</sup> is a C<sub>1-10</sub>alkylene group, and -NR<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup> is as defined for -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>,  
wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> of the terminal amino group, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, is independently an amino substituent, and is hydrogen, C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl, or C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl, and is optionally substituted; or, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they

are attached, form a heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 8 ring atoms, and is optionally substituted.

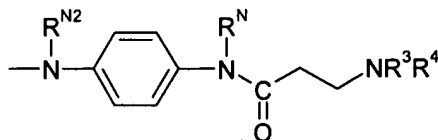
117. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and has the following formula:



wherein  $R^N$  is a nitrogen substituent,  $p$  is independently an integer from 1 to 8, and  $-NR^3R^4$  is as defined for  $-NR^1R^2$ ,

wherein each of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  of the terminal amino group,  $-NR^1R^2$ , is independently an amino substituent, and is hydrogen,  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-20}$ heterocyclyl, or  $C_{5-20}$ aryl, and is optionally substituted; or,  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ , taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 8 ring atoms, and is optionally substituted.

118. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:

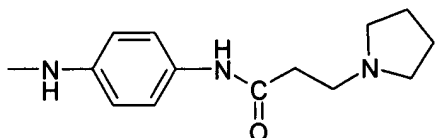


wherein  $R^N$  is a nitrogen substituent as defined for  $R^{N2}$ , and  $-NR^3R^4$  is as defined for  $-NR^1R^2$ ,

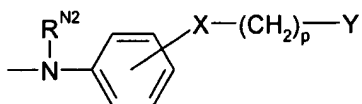


wherein each of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  of the terminal amino group,  $-NR^1R^2$ , is independently an amino substituent, and is hydrogen,  $C_{1-7}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-20}$ heterocyclyl, or  $C_{5-20}$ aryl, and is optionally substituted; or,  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ , taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 8 ring atoms, and is optionally substituted.

119. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:



120. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:



wherein:

X is  $-N(R^N)-$ ,  $-CH_2-$ ,  $-O-$ , or  $-S-$ ;

$R^N$  is a nitrogen substituent as defined for  $R^{N2}$ ;

Y is  $-OH$ ,  $-OR^Y$ , or  $-NR^3R^4$ ;

$-OR^Y$  is as defined for  $-OR^5$ ;

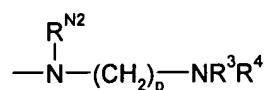
$-NR^3R^4$  is as defined for  $-NR^1R^2$ ; and,

p is independently an integer from 1 to 8,

wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> of the terminal amino group, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, is independently an amino substituent, and is hydrogen, C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl, or C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl, and is optionally substituted; or, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 8 ring atoms, and is optionally substituted.

121. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and Q is independently a C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more amino groups, one or more hydroxy groups, one more ether groups, one or more carboxy groups, one or more C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl groups, or one or more C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl groups.

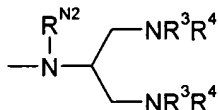
122. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:



wherein p is independently an integer from 1 to 8, and the group -NR<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup> is as defined for -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>,

wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> of the terminal amino group, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, is independently an amino substituent, and is hydrogen, C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl, or C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl, and is optionally substituted; or, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 8 ring atoms, and is optionally substituted.

123. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:

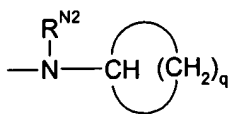


wherein each group -NR<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup> is as defined for -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>,

wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> of the terminal amino group, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, is independently an amino substituent, and is hydrogen, C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl, or C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl, and is optionally substituted; or, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 8 ring atoms, and is optionally substituted.

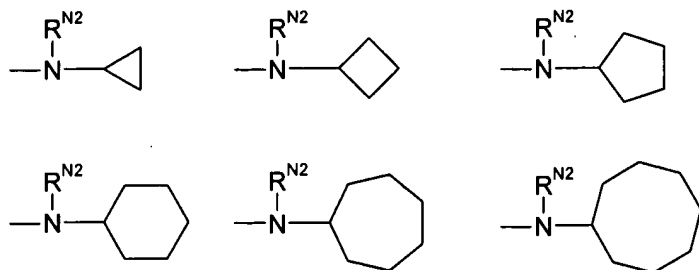
124. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and Q is, or comprises, an alicyclic saturated C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl group, and is optionally substituted.

125. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:

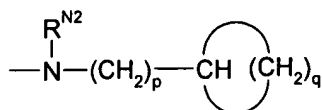


wherein q is independently an integer from 2 to 7, and wherein the cyclic group is optionally substituted.

126. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of one of the following formulae:

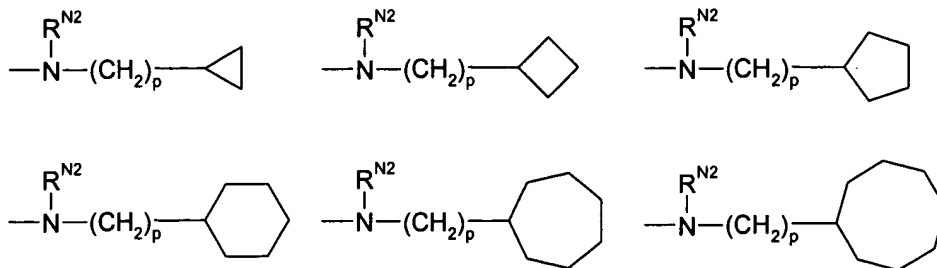


127. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:



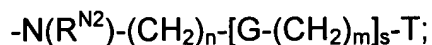
wherein p is independently an integer from 1 to 8 and q is independently an integer from 2 to 7, and wherein the cyclic group is optionally substituted.

128. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of one of the following formulae:



wherein p is independently an integer from 1 to 8, and wherein the cyclic group is optionally substituted.

129. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 80, wherein K is a 9-substituent, and is a group of the formula:



wherein:

n is independently an integer from 1 to 8;

each m is independently an integer from 1 to 8;

s is independently an integer from 0 to 3;

each G is independently -O- or -NR<sup>N</sup>-;

each R<sup>N</sup> is independently a nitrogen substituent as defined for R<sup>N2</sup>;

T is independently a terminal amino group, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup> or a terminal ether group, -OR<sup>5</sup>;

wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> of the terminal amino group, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, is independently an amino substituent, and is hydrogen, C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl, or C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl, and is optionally substituted; or, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring having from 3 to 8 ring atoms, and is optionally substituted.

130. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein each R<sup>N1</sup> is independently -H, -Me, -Et, -nPr, -iPr, -tBu, -Bn, or -Ph.

131. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein each R<sup>N1</sup> is independently -H.

132. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein each  $R^{N2}$  is independently -H, -Me, -Et, -nPr, -iPr, -tBu, -Bn, or -Ph.

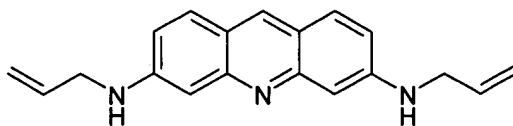
133. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 78, wherein each  $R^{N2}$  is independently -H.

134. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 78, wherein each  $[[R^N]]R^{N1}$  and  $R^{N2}$  is independently -H, -Me, -Et, -nPr, -iPr, -tBu, -Bn, or -Ph.

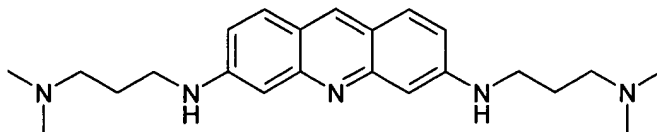
135. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 78, wherein each  $[[R^N]]R^{N1}$  and  $R^{N2}$  is independently -H.

136. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the following compounds, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, solvates, hydrates, and protected forms thereof:

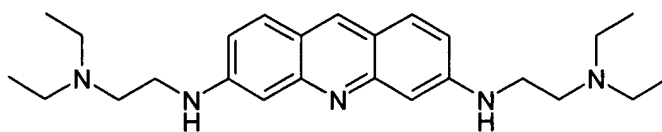
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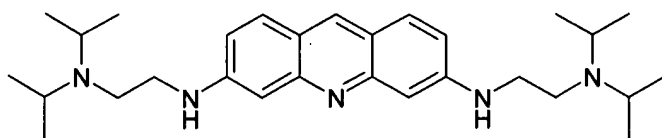
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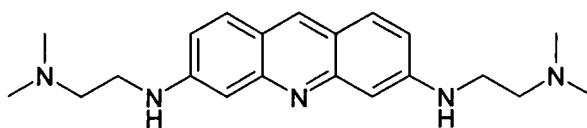
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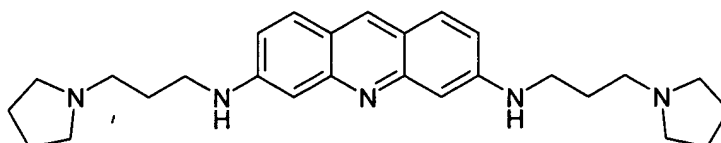
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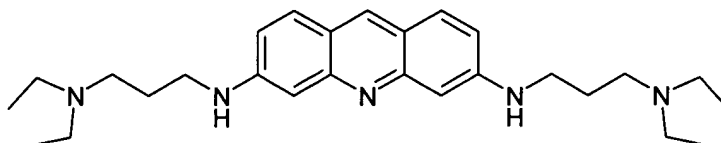
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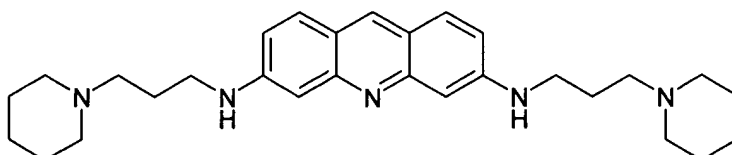
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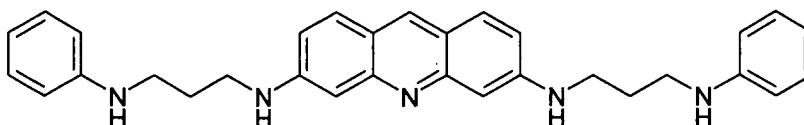
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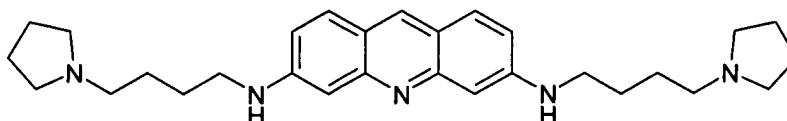
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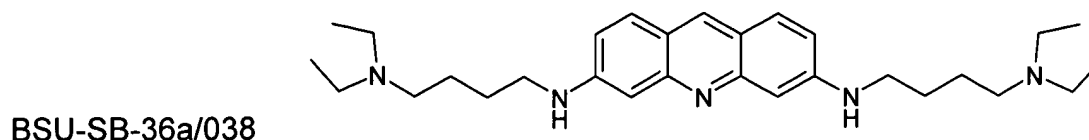


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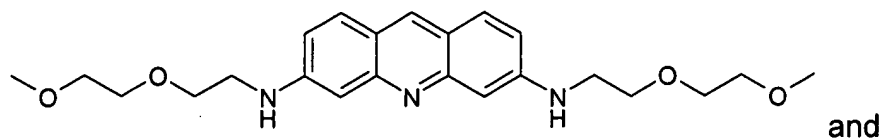


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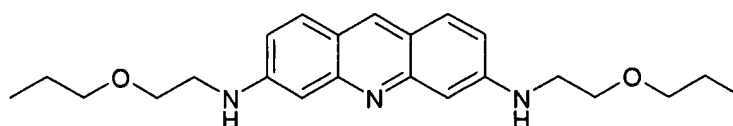




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137. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 78 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

138. (Previously Presented) A method of inhibiting telomerase *in vitro* or *in vivo*, comprising contacting a cell with an effective amount of a compound according to claim 78.

139. (Previously Presented) A method of regulating cell proliferation *in vitro* or *in vivo*, comprising contacting a cell with an effective amount of a compound according to claim 78.



140. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of a proliferative condition comprising administering to a subject suffering from said proliferative condition a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound according to claim 78.